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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: **MINERAL SUPPLEMENT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before action in the above captioned application, and before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before line 1, on page 1, please insert:

--This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/583,890, filed May 31, 2000, the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 37 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 38-65 are pending in the application. The amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable action with early allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is welcome to telephone the undersigned attorney with any questions or comments.

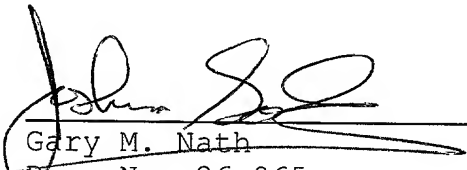
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